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NOTICE OF EX PARTE

July 27, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 26, 2016, Melissa Newman and Jeb Benedict of CenturyLink met with Travis Litman, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Rosenworcel. In a separate meeting, Jeb Benedict met with Amy Bender, Legal Advisor to Commissioner O’Rielly. At the meetings, CenturyLink discussed the Fact Sheet released by the FCC summarizing an Order on Reconsideration concerning rate caps for interstate and intrastate inmate calling services to be considered by the Commission at its August 4, 2016, meeting.

CenturyLink noted that it recognizes the value of inmate calling in keeping families connected and has supported reasonable reform efforts to benefit consumers. However, it explained that the Fact Sheet’s rate cap for prisons remains legally deficient in light of the demonstrated costs of providing service at some institutions, even without applying commissions that may be required by state law or contract.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in the appropriate docket.

Sincerely,

/s/ John E. Benedict

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